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public comment submitted pursuant to paragraph (c)(4) of this section, shall be the same as set forth in § 574.6(f) of this chapter for notices, applications, and public comments filed under part 574 of this chapter.

(g) *Supervisory cases.* The provisions of paragraphs (c)(3), (c)(4) and (f) of this section may be waived by the OTS in connection with transactions approved, or not disapproved, by the OTS for supervisory reasons.

(h) *Appeals.* Any party aggrieved by a final action by the OTS which approves or disapproves any application or notice pursuant to this part 575 may obtain review of such action only by complying with 12 U.S.C. 1467a(j).

(i) *Federal preemption.* This part 575 preempts state law with regard to the creation and regulation of mutual holding companies.

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§ 575.14 Subsidiary holding companies.

(a) *Subsidiary holding companies.* A mutual holding company may establish a subsidiary holding company as a direct subsidiary to hold 100% of the stock of its savings association subsidiary. The formation and operation of the subsidiary holding company may not be utilized as a means to evade or frustrate the purposes of this part 575 or part 563b of this chapter. The subsidiary holding company may be established either at the time of the initial mutual holding company reorganization or at a subsequent date, subject to the approval of the OTS.

(b) *Stock issuances.* For purposes of §§ 575.7 and 575.8, the subsidiary holding company shall be treated as a savings association issuing stock and shall be subject to the requirements of those sections. In the case of a stock issuance by a subsidiary holding company, the aggregate amount of outstanding common stock of the association owned or controlled by persons other than the subsidiary holding company's mutual holding company parent at the close of the proposed issuance shall be less than 50% of the subsidiary holding company's total outstanding common stock.

(c) *Charters and bylaws for subsidiary holding companies—(1) Charters.* The charter of a subsidiary holding company shall be in the form set forth in this paragraph (c)(1) and may include any of the additional provisions permitted pursuant to paragraph (c)(2) of this section. The form of the charter is as follows:

FEDERAL MHC SUBSIDIARY HOLDING COMPANY CHARTER

Section 1. Corporate title. The full corporate title of the MHC subsidiary holding company is XXX.

Section 2. Domicile. The domicile of the MHC subsidiary holding company shall be in the city of _____, in the State of _____.

Section 3. Duration. The duration of the MHC subsidiary holding company is perpetual.

Section 4. Purpose and powers. The purpose of the MHC subsidiary holding company is to pursue any or all of the lawful objectives of a federal mutual holding company chartered under section 10(o) of the Home Owners' Loan Act, 12 U.S.C. 1467a(o), and to exercise all of the express, implied, and incidental powers conferred thereby and by all acts amendatory thereof and supplemental thereto, subject to the Constitution and laws of the United States as they are now in effect, or as they may hereafter be amended, and subject to all lawful and applicable rules, regulations, and orders of the Office of Thrift Supervision ("Office").

Section 5. Capital stock. The total number of shares of all classes of the capital stock that the MHC subsidiary holding company has the authority to issue is _____, all of which shall be common stock of par [or if no par is specified then shares shall have a stated] value of _____ per share. The shares may be issued from time to time as authorized by the board of directors without the approval of its shareholders, except as otherwise provided in this section 5 or to the extent that such approval is required by governing law, rule, or regulation. The consideration for the issuance of the shares shall be paid in full before their issuance and shall not be less than the par [or stated] value. Neither promissory notes nor future services shall constitute payment or part payment for the issuance of shares of the MHC subsidiary holding company. The consideration for the shares shall be cash, tangible or intangible property (to the extent direct investment in such property would be permitted to the MHC subsidiary holding company), labor, or services actually performed for the MHC subsidiary holding company, or any combination of the foregoing. In the absence of actual fraud in the transaction, the

value of such property, labor, or services, as determined by the board of directors of the MHC subsidiary holding company, shall be conclusive. Upon payment of such consideration, such shares shall be deemed to be fully paid and nonassessable. In the case of a stock dividend, that part of the retained earnings of the MHC subsidiary holding company that is transferred to common stock or paid-in capital accounts upon the issuance of shares as a stock dividend shall be deemed to be the consideration for their issuance.

Except for shares issued in the initial organization of the MHC subsidiary holding company, no shares of capital stock (including shares issuable upon conversion, exchange, or exercise of other securities) shall be issued, directly or indirectly, to officers, directors, or controlling persons (except for shares issued to the parent mutual holding company) of the MHC subsidiary holding company other than as part of a general public offering or as qualifying shares to a director, unless the issuance or the plan under which they would be issued has been approved by a majority of the total votes eligible to be cast at a legal meeting.

The holders of the common stock shall exclusively possess all voting power. Each holder of shares of common stock shall be entitled to one vote for each share held by such holder, except as to the cumulation of votes for the election of directors, unless the charter provides that there shall be no such cumulative voting. Subject to any provision for a liquidation account, in the event of any liquidation, dissolution, or winding up of the MHC subsidiary holding company, the holders of the common stock shall be entitled, after payment or provision for payment of all debts and liabilities of the MHC subsidiary holding company, to receive the remaining assets of the MHC subsidiary holding company available for distribution, in cash or in kind. Each share of common stock shall have the same relative rights as and be identical in all respects with all the other shares of common stock.

Section 6. Preemptive rights. Holders of the capital stock of the MHC subsidiary holding company shall not be entitled to preemptive rights with respect to any shares of the MHC subsidiary holding company which may be issued.

Section 7. Directors. The MHC subsidiary holding company shall be under the direction of a board of directors. The authorized number of directors, as stated in the MHC subsidiary holding company's bylaws, shall not be fewer than five nor more than fifteen except when a greater or lesser number is approved by the Director of the Office, or his or her delegate.

Section 8. Amendment of charter. Except as provided in Section 5, no amendment, addition, alteration, change or repeal of this charter shall be made, unless such is pro-

posed by the board of directors of the MHC subsidiary holding company, approved by the shareholders by a majority of the votes eligible to be cast at a legal meeting, unless a higher vote is otherwise required, and approved or preapproved by the Office.

Attest:

Secretary of the Subsidiary Holding Company

By:

President or Chief Executive Officer of the Subsidiary Holding Company

Attest:

Secretary of the Office of Thrift Supervision

By:

Director of the Office of Thrift Supervision

Effective Date:

(2) *Charter amendments.* The rules and regulations set forth in §552.4 of this chapter regarding charter amendments and reissuances of charters (including delegations and filing instructions) shall be applicable to subsidiary holding companies to the same extent as if the subsidiary holding companies were Federal stock savings associations, except that, with respect to the pre-approved charter amendments set forth in §552.4 of this chapter, the reference to home office in §552.4(b)(2) of this chapter shall be deemed to refer to the domicile of the subsidiary holding company and the requirements of §545.95 of this chapter shall not apply to subsidiary holding companies.

(3) *Bylaws.* The rules and regulations set forth in §552.5 of this chapter regarding bylaws (including their content, any amendments thereto, delegations, and filing instructions) shall be applicable to subsidiary holding companies to the same extent as if subsidiary holding companies were federal stock savings associations. The model bylaws for Federal stock savings associations set forth in the OTS Applications Processing Handbook shall also serve as the model bylaws for subsidiary holding companies, except that the term "association" each time it appears therein shall be replaced with the term "Subsidiary Holding Company."

(4) *Annual reports and books and records.* The rules and regulations set forth in §§552.10 and 552.11 of this chapter regarding annual reports to stockholders and maintaining books and records shall be applicable to subsidiary holding companies to the same

extent as if subsidiary holding companies were Federal stock savings associations.

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PART 583—DEFINITIONS FOR REGULATIONS AFFECTING SAVINGS AND LOAN HOLDING COMPANIES

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§ 583.1 Acquire.

The term *acquire* means to acquire, directly or indirectly, ownership or control through an acquisition of shares, an acquisition of assets or assumption of liabilities, a merger or consolidation, or any similar transaction.

§ 583.2 Affiliate.

The term *affiliate* of a specified savings association means any person or company which controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with, such savings association.

§ 583.3 Bank.

The term *bank* means any national bank, state bank, state-chartered sav-

ings bank, cooperative bank, or industrial bank, the deposits of which are insured by the Bank Insurance Fund and also includes any institution that converted from a savings association charter to a bank charter and whose deposits are insured by the Savings Association Insurance Fund.

§ 583.4 Bank holding company.

The term *bank holding company* means any company which has control over any bank or over any company that is or becomes a bank holding company.

§ 583.5 BIF.

The term *BIF* means the Bank Insurance Fund, established by the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1811 *et seq.*).

§ 583.6 Company.

The term *company* means any corporation, partnership, trust, joint-stock company, or similar organization, but does not include:

- (a) The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation,
- (b) The Resolution Trust Corporation,
- (c) Any Federal Home Loan Bank,
- (d) The Office of Thrift Supervision, or
- (e) Any company the majority of the shares of which is owned by
 - (1) The United States or any State,
 - (2) An officer of the United States or any State in his or her official capacity, or
 - (3) An instrumentality of the United States or any State.

§ 583.7 Control.

For purposes of this chapter, a person shall be deemed to have *control* of:

- (a) A savings association if the person directly or indirectly or acting in concert with one or more other persons, or through one or more subsidiaries, owns, controls, or holds with power to vote, or holds proxies representing, more than 25 percent of the voting shares of such savings association, or controls in any manner the election of a majority of the directors of such association;